28th October, 1917

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Rev. John Heron, M.A., B.D. (on leave).
Offg. Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D. (on tour).
Acting Joint Chaplain.—Rev. W. Meston, M.A., B.D., Harley's Road, Kilpauk.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., W. A. Beardsell, Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton, Esq., W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Organist and Choirmaster—A. W. Jones, Esq., 1/144 Mount Road.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Joint Secretary—Mrs. Russell, General Hospital.
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Chetput.

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Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays, at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays, at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

WOMEN'S GUILD—The Women's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month, at 4-30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, at 5 P.M. from January to April, and August to December.

MOTHERS' MEETING in School-room, at 5 P.M., on Mondays.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of the morning service on the 11th November being the sixth Sunday of the quarter. There were fifty-three communicants at the evening celebration dispensed on the 7th October.

The late Mr. W. Taylor Mitchell.—The news of the death of Mr. Taylor Mitchell came as a surprise to many and as a grief to all. His illness lasted but a short time. He was in church on the evening of Sunday the 30th September; and at the last Soldiers'

Tea Party in the same week he took an energetic part. He passed away peacefully on the morning of the 25th October, the cause of his death being heart failure following on dengue. His genial presence and his ready kindness will be greatly missed. The esteem in which he was held was shown by the number of friends who gathered at the funeral on Thursday evening last. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Skinner and the Acting Chaplain, and was followed by a masonic funeral. Deep sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Taylor Mitchell in this sad separation after twenty-five years of happy married life.

Captain Russell.—The congregation will hear with much regret that Captain Russell has, under medical orders, to proceed home as quickly as possible. Mrs. Russell and he leave Madras next week. With their home-going the Church loses the valued contribution of personal qualites and manifold activities which their presence among us represented. We wish them God-speed on the voyage, and sincerely trust that Captain Russell will soon be restored to perfect health.

Our sympathy goes out to Miss Bain, who received a cable on the 23rd of this month conveying to her the sad news of the death of her mother.

The Hospital Ship " Madras ".—The date of the sale of work and Garden *Fête* in aid of the funds for the *Hospital Ship " Madras,"* has now been fixed for Saturday, 1st December, and will be opened by Her Excellency Lady Pentland, the President of St. Andrews' Woman's Guild, Madras.

The concert in connection with the sale will be held on the evening of St. Andrew's Day (30th November).

Soldiers' Tea Party.—This entertainment was given on the 2nd of October. Right up to tea-time no definite information had been received as to the number of guests expected, but as the arrangements had been so carefully made by Mrs. Taylor Mitchell, she and her assistants had no difficulty in satisfying the requirements of over seventy men.

Grave doubts were experienced regarding the weather but as usual the Woman's Guild was favoured with a fine afternoon. It is superfluous to give full details of the games, but Mr. Ashworth's " Treasure Hunt " and " Skittles " (kindly lent by the Revd. W. E. H. Organe) under Messrs. Annan, Taylor Mitchell and Theobald were warmly patronized by our guests whilst the clock-golf courts were never empty and were superintended by Dr. Henderson, Messrs. Beardsell and Rae Sheriffs assisted by Misses Johnson and Howell.

After the games our usual open air concert took place.

Corporal Roberts led off with a comic song, Miss Bain cheered everyone with her quaint recitation about Mrs. Murphy; Mrs. Harris contributed a violin solo, and Mr. David Annan accompanying himself, sang and gave good advice as to the wearing of flannel. Needless to say he received a well-merited " encore " after which the last entertainment of the season was brought to a close by little Maggie Boys singing her song " The Soldier's Daughter ".

Then with " God Save the King " and three cheers for the ladies, and an extra one for the Padre, the gathering broke up.

Will those Ladies and Gentlemen who so liberally helped with gifts of cakes and money and their personal assistance accept the warmest thanks of the Guild for again ensuring the splendid success of the entertainment.

M. A. B.

APPRECIATION.

201886, A Company,
2/4 Bn. Devon. Regiment,
10th October, 1917.

DEAR MADAME,

Now that our unit is on the eve of leaving India, it is a suitable opportunity to write and thank you for your hospitality to us while we have been in Madras. It has been our good fortune while here to have been the recipients of many acts of kindness, and prominent amongst these are the entertainments your Committee have given to large numbers of us.

It is probably hard for English civilians in India to realise the ennui of a life without social intercourse, and unless this dreariness is appreciated it is impossible to know what a debt of gratitude we owe to efforts such as yours which have done much to bring variety into a necessarily monotonous mode of life. For these frequent diversions we owe you our deepest thanks, and remembrance of them will always be amongst our happiest recollections of the two or three years we spent in Madras.

I express the wish of many of our men when I hope that this branch of your war activities will continue to benefit English soldiers here, and I wish both it and your war-gifts organization the success and support they deserve.

Yours very sincerely,
Victor H. SEARLE, (*Lce.-Cpl.*)

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

October 21st, 1917—James Munro, son of James and Jean Harper Gold.

Marriages

"What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

October 18th, 1917—Peter Gonzalez Bridge to Alexandra Cross Underwood.

Burials

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

October 25th, 1917—William Taylor Mitchell—58 years. St. Andrew's Cemetery,

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for September, 1917

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir for August...	157	0	0
,, Seat Rents	105	0	0	,, ,, Estabt. for August...	185	8	0
,, Church Collections	255	8	8	,, Organ Blowers (August) ...	6	0	0
,, Refunds	15	0	0	,, New Ladder...	4	8	0
,, Organ Practice	10	0	0	,, M. P. House Printing Bill No. 188	10	0	0
,, Sale of Grass (August) ...	10	0	0	,, Compound annual Potting on A/c	20	0	0
,, Refund from School Acconnt ...	550	0	0	,, M. E. S. Co., Current for Aug.	11	8	0
				,, Miscellaneous	5	13	0
				Balance Credit this Account ...	654	3	8
Total ...	1,054	8	8	Total ...	1,054	8	8

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for September, 1917

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	14	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
,, Refund	10	0	0	,, Food	71	5	0
,, Government Grant, Food and Clothing-1917-1918 ...	550	0	0	,, Laundry	2	0	3
,, Cash	262	0	3	,, Repairs, Furniture and Black Board	9	14	0
				,, Miscellaneous and Kindergarten Account	7	13	0
				,, Refund Kirk Session Fund ...	550	0	0
Total ...	836	0	3	Total ...	836	0	3

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

W. MESTON,
Acting Joint Chaplain.

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